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AVENGERS BEYOND

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat--on that day, the Avengers were born! When the cosmic being known as the Beyonder once again threatens all of reality, the Avengers must become something even greater--they must become…

AVENGERS BEYOND

CAPTAIN AMERICA

THOR

IRON MAN

CAPTAIN MARVEL

BLACK PANTHER

SHE-HULK

Cal-Horra, known as the Lost One, is the godlike creator of the equally powerful cosmic beings known as the Beyonders. But the Beyonders eventually betrayed and imprisoned the Lost One. Now he has broken free and is seeking revenge.

The Beyonder fled to Earth where he manipulated the Avengers into constructing an energy shield that trapped them on the planet along with the Lost One. But the Beyonder's compatriots were angered by his scheming and stripped away his powers, banishing him to Earth--where the Lost One and the Avengers await!

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POWER HAS LIMITS.

THIS BODY I WEAR, THOUGH I FASHIONED IT MYSELF, IS STILL ONLY AS CAPABLE AS THAT FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED.

WHEN I FIRST CONJURED IT, EONS AGO, FROM MATTER AND ENERGY, IT WAS, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, ***PERFECT.***

I COULD SWIM ON THE SURFACE OF A SUN. I COULD FLY THROUGH A BLACK HOLE. I COULD SHATTER A MOON WITH MY FIST.

AND THEN MY POWER WAS STOLEN FROM ME BY BEINGS THAT YOU CALL ***THE BEYONDERS.***

I HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN THIS BODY SINCE THEN, AND THIS BODY HAS ITSELF BEEN TRAPPED, WHILE THE BEYONDERS INTEGRATED THEMSELVES INTO THE GRAND COSMIC TAPESTRY.

THEY THINK THEY ARE OMNIPOTENT. THEY THINK MY STOLEN POWER MAKES THEM UNCONQUERABLE.

BUT POWER...

...HAS LIMITS.

YOUR HEROES CAN ONLY WITHSTAND SO MUCH. YOUR MUTANTS CAN ONLY RUN SO FAST. YOUR GODS CAN ONLY HIT SO HARD.

EVEN THOSE YOU VIEW AS BEING WITHOUT EQUAL HAVE AN EQUAL. THEY HAVE A ***BETTER.***

NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL THEIR PHYSICAL FORMS MAY BE, THEY ARE RESTRICTED BY THEIR ***SIZE*** AND THEIR ***MASS*** AND THEIR ***PHYSICALITY.***

THEY ALL HAVE THEIR ***LIMITS.***

HE CLAIMS HE DOESN'T KNOW.

THEY--THEY TOOK IT. WHEN THE OTHER BEYONDERS TOOK MY POWER, THEY TOOK MY ***MEMORY*** TOO.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DISMANTLE THE SHIELD. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

IN ORBIT AROUND US ARE FOUR PODS, EACH CONTAINING ONE OF YOUR BRETHREN, LITTLE BEYONDER.

THESE PODS POWER THE SHIELD SURROUNDING THIS PLANET. WHEN IT DROPS, I CAN LEAVE YOU IN PEACE AND CONTINUE MY HUNT.

YOU DON'T OWE THE IVORY KINGS ANYTHING. ***YOU*** TRAPPED ME HERE. ***YOU*** SAVED THEM. AND IN RETURN, THEY ABANDONED YOU TO MY ***DUBIOUS MERCY?***

PLEASE, I--

I DON'T ***REMEMBER.***

THERE ***IS*** A GAP IN YOUR MEMORY, BUT... SOMETHING ELSE. SIGNS OF AN EARLIER TAMPERING, AS IF...

HMM.

THE RUINS OF NEW YORK CITY.

TIAMOK HAS FOUND THE BEYONDER.

IT'S HARD TO TELL, BUT SHE MAY HAVE ALREADY DELIVERED HIM TO THE LOST ONE.

SORRY. THIS OLD ARMOR DOESN'T HAVE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE MODERN STUFF-- BUT IT WAS THE ONLY ONE I HAD LEFT.

THE MOMENT THE BEYONDER OPENS HIS MOUTH, THE LOST ONE WILL COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION WE CAME TO. WE'RE OUT OF TIME.

T'CHALLA? YOU READY? IF THIS IS GONNA WORK, WE NEED EVERYTHING IN POSITION.

READY TO LAUNCH, SHE-HULK. HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

YEAH. WE FOUND IT.

HELLO.

I AM FROM BEYOND.

YOU'RE NOT, ACTUALLY. YOU THINK YOU ARE, BUT YOU'RE ONLY A CONSTRUCT OF ONE SINGULAR STRAND OF THE BEYONDER'S MEMORY.

HE COPIED THAT STRAND AS A PRECAUTION, PUT IT AWAY FOR SAFEKEEPING. AND HERE YOU ARE.

I AM FROM BEYOND.

YOU KNOW HOW TO DISMANTLE THE PLANETARY DEFENSE SHIELD, DON'T YOU?

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY.

YOU CAN TELL US. WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS.

THE LOST ONE--DO YOU KNOW WHO THAT IS?

CAL-HORRA.

CAL-HORRA, THAT'S RIGHT.

CAL-HORRA HAS YOU--THE ***REAL*** YOU--AND HE'LL KILL YOU AND EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET TO GET THE INFORMATION IN YOUR HEAD.

HE'S ALREADY KILLED ***THOUSANDS***. HE'S ALREADY KILLED OUR ***FRIENDS***.

HE WANTS TO HUNT DOWN THE BEYONDERS AND TAKE HIS POWER BACK.

YES, HE DOES.

BUT I-- I TRAPPED HIM HERE. ON THIS WORLD.

WHEN THE OTHER BEYONDERS FIND OUT HOW I DID IT, THEY MIGHT PUNISH ME. TAKE MY MEMORIES.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

HE'LL BE COMING FOR ME.

HE HAS FOUND YOU.

AH. YOU HAVE ATTACHED A DEVICE TO THE ORB.

IT WILL DETONATE IF I USE MY POWER WITHIN ITS VICINITY.

AND IT'LL DESTROY THIS MEMORY YOU SO DESPERATELY NEED.

IS THIS WHERE WE FIGHT?

YOU TRIED THAT BEFORE. IT DIDN'T GO WELL FOR YOU.

OR MAYBE THIS IS WHERE WE... BANTER?

BANTER? YOU THINK WE'RE HERE TO *BANTER?*

YOU KILLED *THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE!*

TENS OF THOUSANDS.

BUT GIVE ME WHAT I WANT AND I WILL STOP.

WE DO NOT NEGOTIATE WITH *MURDERERS.*

BUT OF COURSE YOU DO. TO SAVE YOURSELVES AND YOUR PLANET, YOU DO IT ALL THE TIME.

IS WHAT I ASK *UNREASONABLE* OR MERELY *DISTASTEFUL?*

I HAVE MET MANY HEROES, THOR. SOME OF THEM HAVE COME CLOSE TO BESTING ME--BUT I HAVE PREVAILED.

I ALWAYS PREVAIL.

RSH

BATTLING THEM, THOUGH, HAS GIVEN ME AN INSIGHT INTO HOW YOU THINK--INTO WHAT YOU VALUE.

YOU VALUE YOUR PRINCIPLES AND YOUR HONOR. BUT THESE ARE WORDS AND CONCEPTS AND INTANGIBLE THINGS. WITH THE LUXURY OF CHOICE, THEY ARE, INDEED, TO BE PROTECTED.

BUT PEOPLE? THERE IS NO CHOICE WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING *PEOPLE*. THAT IS WHAT HEROES *DO*.

SO WHEN YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN GIVING ME THE KNOWLEDGE I SEEK--THUS BETRAYING YOUR PRINCIPLES--OR WATCHING AS I SLAUGHTER YOUR MORTAL POPULATION--

--YOU WILL GRIT YOUR TEETH AND GIVE ME WHAT I WANT.

WHERE IS *CAPTAIN AMERICA?*

OH, I'M SURE THE GOOD CAPTAIN IS DUE TO ARRIVE IMMINENTLY WITH WHATEVER LAST-GASP WEAPON THEY HAVE MANAGED TO CONCOCT AGAINST ME.

BUT HE WILL FAIL.

ALL THE HEROES FAIL.

LET'S TRY TO BUCK THAT TREND, WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WHAM

WHAT IS THIS? OIL?

THE CELESTIALS GAVE YOU YOUR POWER, BUT THEY TOOK A PRECAUTION THAT YOU NEVER DID WITH THE BEYONDERS--

--THEY MADE SURE THAT IF YOU EVER MOVED AGAINST THEM, YOU WOULD *FAIL.*

YOUR SUIT, IT'S...IT'S DRENCHED IN *CELESTIAL BLOOD.*

STRAIGHT FROM THE VEINS AND ARTERIES OF AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.

SUCH CLEVER HUMANS.

THOR, JEN, GO! WE'VE GOT THIS.

YOU ARE CERTAIN?

GO!

NOW IT'S JUST US, PRINCESS.

COULDN'T BE HAPPIER.

YOU'RE MY MEMORY?

I AM.

I NEED YOU BACK INSIDE MY HEAD.

IS THAT WISE? YOU PUT ME HERE TO PROTECT ME.

I PUT YOU HERE TO PROTECT *ME!* I KNEW THEY'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS--I KNEW THEY'D LEAVE ME *DEFENSELESS!*

THE SECRET TO TAKING DOWN THAT SHIELD IS THE *ONLY LEVERAGE* I HAVE!

YOU'RE NOT ANYTHING ELSE. YOU'RE JUST THIS ONE MEMORY. YOU'RE NOT EVEN SENTIENT. RETURN TO ME.

ALL I WANT IS THAT MEMORY FRAGMENT.

ONCE I HAVE IT, I CAN LEAVE. I CAN HUNT DOWN THE BEYONDERS.

THEY HAVE BROUGHT THIS CARNAGE TO YOUR PLANET.

THEY HAVE TRAPPED ME--

UNN!

THEY HAVE TRAPPED ME ***HERE***, WITH ***YOU***, KNOWING THE ***DEATH*** AND ***DESTRUCTION*** THAT WOULD FOLLOW. THE BEYONDERS ARE YOUR ENEMY.

THE BEYONDERS HAVE ***ALWAYS*** BEEN YOUR ENEMY.

WHY DO YOU STILL FIGHT TO PROTECT THEM?

WE'RE NOT FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE BEINGS YOU ***HUNT.***

WE'RE FIGHTING TO AVENGE THE BEINGS YOU'VE ***KILLED.***

STOP! PLEASE!

I CAN HELP! I CAN END THIS!

CAL-HORRA, I CAN GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? STAY--

I WANT MY *POWER* RETURNED TO ME!

I CAN'T *LIVE* LIKE THIS! I'VE TRIED IT BEFORE AND MORTALITY IS *STIFLING!* IT'S *SUFFOCATING!*

I NEED TO BE *ONE WITH THE COSMOS* AGAIN!

YOU WILL BE.

NOW, WAIT A SECOND--

MY MIND IS OPEN TO YOU, CAL-HORRA. TAKE ITS SECRETS AND BEGIN YOUR--

I HAVE ALREADY DEACTIVATED THE SHIELD.

THE SHIELD IS DOWN. THE PODS WITH THE COMATOSE BEYONDERS... THEY'RE EMPTY.

HE'S CONSUMING THEM.

WE HAVE WON.

NOW, PLEASE-- RETURN MY POWER TO ME.

IT WAS NEVER *YOUR* POWER, LITTLE BEYONDER.

BUT I WILL GRANT YOU YOUR WISH. YOU WILL BE ONE WITH THE COSMOS AGAIN.

NO, WAIT, WE HAD A DEAL! WE HAD A--

WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?

THE MOST ACCURATE WAY I COULD DESCRIBE IT IS...I HAVE *DISSIPATED* HIM.

HE IS ALL AROUND US. HE IS... *EVERYWHERE.*

AH.

WELCOME, KING T'CHALLA.

I NOTE THAT YOU TOO ARE COATED IN THE BLOOD OF THE CELESTIALS.

EVEN SO, I FAIL TO SEE WHAT--

WE CAN'T RESTRAIN YOU FOR LONG--WE KNOW THAT. BUT WE'LL DELAY YOU FOR A FEW SECONDS.

WE'VE LAUNCHED SOME SATELLITES INFUSED WITH CELESTIAL TECHNOLOGY. THEY'VE ALREADY DEPLOYED, AND THEIR CANNONS ARE LOCKED ON.

ONE COMMAND IS ALL WE NEED TO OBLITERATE YOU.

SUCH A BLAST WOULD ALSO OBLITERATE BOTH YOU ***AND*** THIS CITY.

YOU KNOW US SO WELL? ASK YOURSELF IF WE'D SACRIFICE A ***CITY*** TO SAVE THE ***WORLD.***

I DETECT NO CELESTIAL-INFUSED SATELLITES, AND I DO NOT BELIEVE YOU WOULD KILL EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE, NOT EVEN TO SAVE EIGHT ***BILLION.***

THIS IS A BLUFF.

MAYBE.

OR MAYBE THE CELESTIAL TECH HIDES THOSE SATELLITES FROM YOUR SIGHT. AND MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW US LIKE YOU THINK YOU DO.

YOU WILL RESTORE NEW YORK TO THE WAY IT WAS, AND YOU'LL BRING BACK EVERY SINGLE PERSON YOU'VE KILLED.

THEN YOU WILL ***LEAVE.***

VERY WELL.

POWER HAS LIMITS.

EVEN THE POWER OF THE COSMOS HAS LIMITS--FOR IT IS ***ONLY*** THE POWER OF THE COSMOS.

AND THERE IS ***ALWAYS*** ANOTHER COSMOS.

BUT I SHALL USE THIS POWER--

--MY POWER, THE POWER GIVEN TO ME BY THE CELESTIALS THEMSELVES--

--AND I SHALL HUNT DOWN THE BEYONDERS WHEREVER THEY MAY HIDE. I WILL HUNT THEM, AND I WILL FIND THEM.

AND SOON, I WILL BE WHOLE AGAIN.

BUT EVEN THEN, I WILL BE LIMITED.

SUCH IS THE NATURE OF LIFE. SUCH IS THE NATURE OF SENTIENCE.

WE'RE ALL LIMITED. I AM. *YOU* ARE. *YOUR HEROES* ARE.

BUT THEY ARE *EXTRAORDINARY* TOO. THEY ARE *MAGNIFICENT*. THEY ARE *MIGHTY*.

YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF THEM.

PRINCESS TIAMOK, YOU HAVE SERVED ME WELL--BUT WHERE I AM GOING, FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT FOLLOW.

YOU ARE FREE NOW. LIVE YOUR LIFE. FIND YOUR PEACE OR SEEK YOUR VENGEANCE.

THE POWER I HAVE GIVEN YOU IS NOT BOUNDLESS. USE IT WELL WHILE IT IS THERE TO USE.

THANK YOU. FOR EVERYTHING.

YOU HAVE MADE ME PROUD, LITTLE ONE.

I'LL BE SEEING YOU.

YES, YOU WILL.

PRINCESS.

OH.

WHAT AM I?

HELLO?

CAN ANYBODY HEAR ME?

CAN SOMEBODY PLEASE HELP ME?

I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM.

HELLO?

SOMEBODY?

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